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TOPIC Soviet Troops in BrailaDATE OF CONTENT November 1950 and February 1951DATE PREPARED 18 June 1951 25X1

1. In November 1950, a Soviet office, with the sign "Military Headquarters for the County of Braila", was located in a two-story villa on the west side of Bulevardul Stalin, south of Gradina Publica (People's Garden), in Braila (R 55/Z 13). The Soviet military post headquarters was located west of Gradina Publica.
2. In November 1950, Soviet tank troops were quartered in the former agricultural school which source believed to be located on the west side of Bulevardul Stalin. From 20 to 25 armored vehicles belonging to this unit stood on a parking lot on the bank of the Danube River, approximately at river kilometer mark 173. [REDACTED] in February 1951, the tank unit is no longer there.
3. Soviet troops were quartered in the barracks of the former Rumanian 4th Horse-Drawn Arty Regt, north of Gradina Publica on the east side of Strada Galatz. [REDACTED] the troops were no longer in the installation in February 1951, when the gates were guarded by Rumanian sentries.
4. A Soviet ordnance depot about 500 meters square, was located in the wooded area north of Lacul Sarat (Salt Lake), southwest of Braila. About 45 trucks were lined up in two rows on the south side of the area. Next to these trucks, there were an undetermined number of tents, about 4 x 2 meters each. About 45 other trucks mounting canvas-covered devices, apparently rocket launchers, were parked in a section separated from the tents by a wooden fence. About 16 artillery pieces mounted on four-wheel carriages and about 40 motor vehicles, trucks and passenger cars of various types, stood on the east side of the area. About 32 armored vehicles were lined up in two rows in the western sector of the area. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets. \*

\* [REDACTED] Comment. The report corroborates previous information on Soviet troops in Braila. [REDACTED] The units, as yet unidentified, probably belong to a tank or mechanized division which is carried in eastern Rumania.

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